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Advanced English language skills II

5 credits	30.0 h + 30.0 h	Q1 and Q2

Teacher(s)	Gilquin Gaëtanelle ;				
Language :	English				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	Level B2 of the Common Europea Framework of Reference for Languages The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.				
Main themes	A wide range of written texts and multimedia documents are used as a prompt for receptive and productive activities in both speech and writing. The focus is on vocabulary extension, grammatical accuracy and coherent argumentation. Special attention is devoted to intercultural communication. Lexical, grammatical and discursive differences between the target language and French are highlighted and practised through translation exercises.				
Aims	To acquire advanced productive and receptive skills in both speech and writing (B2+ level - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). At the end of the course, the student will be able to: - follow extended speech even when it is not clearly structured and when relationships are only implied and not signalled explicitly; - understand standard spoken language, live or broadcast; - easily follow complex interactions between third parties in group discussion and debate, even on abstract, complex unfamiliar topics; - understand spoken language displaying light regional varieties; - easily summarize lectures, conferences and talks (even on specialized topics) presented by native speakers; - understand a wide range of journalistic, literary or domain-specific texts; - appreciate stylistic differences between texts (written or spoken); - discover the structure of discourse; - recognize stylistic devices typical of the target language and provide equivalents in his/her mother tongue; - identify the targeted readership of a text; - have a good command of a broad lexical repertoire allowing gaps to be readily overcome with circumlocutions and avoidance strategies; - have a good command of idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms; - make no significant vocabulary errors; - consistently maintain a high degree of grammatical accuracy; errors are rare; - be able to vary intonation and place sentence stress correctly in order to express finer shades of meaning; - use consistent and accurate layout, paragraphing, spelling and punctuation; - produce clear, smoothly flowing, well-structured speech, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".				

Evaluation methods	(1) Continuous assessment: a. An optional exemption vocabulary test in May. b. Portfolio of individual written assignments spread over the first and second term. c. Two individual oral exercises spread over the first and second term (1 per term). d. Participation in the exercise sessions. (2) Formal assessment: a. Completing the entire writing skills Moodle module on the use of online resources (5% of the final grade). b. In January (5% of the final grade): midterm exam on vocabulary. If the student fails this exam, s/he will have to take it again in June. c. Oral exam (20% of the final grade): before the official exam session (in May) for the first exam session and during the exam session itself for the resit exam session. d. Listening comprehension exam (10% of the final grade): before the official exam session (in May) for the first exam session and during the exam session itself for the resit exam session. e. In June (60% of the final grade): written exam on vocabulary, reading comprehension and writing. A WORD OF CAUTION: - Students who have not handed in all the written assignments on time and/or who have not done the two individual oral exercises on the scheduled dates will have marks deducted from the final grade (one mark per missing assignment/exercise). - The global grade is computed on the basis of a geometric mean. Students who get a grade lower than 8/20 for one of the parts of the exam (oral, writing, listening comprehension, reading comprehension, vocabulary) will fail this course overall. - No "catch-up" session will be organized for the oral and listening comprehension exams.
Teaching methods	Formal lecture focused on systematic vocabulary extension, grammatical accuracy and stylistic appropriateness and the quality of translation. Exercise sessions focused more particularly on oral production (phonetic and grammatical accuracy, lexical range and fluency). Self-study: writing skills Moodle module on the use of online resources.
Content	Vocabulary extension with particular focus on its appropriate use in context (collocations, register). Discursive and rhetorical techniques, typical of the target language. Lexical and structural properties of written vs spoken discourse in the target language. Developing writing skills via the use of online tools.
Inline resources	Moodle
Bibliography	 - Andreyev, J. (2015) Journal'ease vocabulaire - Tous les mots qu'il vous faut pour lire aisément un journal anglais ou américain. 6e édition. Bréal. ISBN: 978-2-7495-3452-7. - Andreyev, J. (2015) Journal'ease exercices - Tous les mots qu'il vous faut pour lire aisément un journal anglais ou américain. 6e édition. Bréal. ISBN: 978-2-7495-3453-4.
Other infos	
Faculty or entity in charge	LMOD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM1BA	5	LGERM1327	Q		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5	LGERM1327	•		
Minor in English Studies	LANGL100I	5		٩		